RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Thursday 18 October 2018

Venue: Cercle de Lorraine, Place Poelaert 6, 1000 Brussels

8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00-9:30 Plenary: Welcoming and opening remarks
- Points to retain from day 1 and introduction to parallel workshops with ETTG rapporteurs
  - James Mackie, Director of ECDPM (member of ETTG)
  - Sébastien Treyer, Director of Programmes at IDDRI (member of ETTG)

9:30-10:30 Plenary: Innovating the Africa-Europe partnership
- Chairperson: Geert Laporte, Deputy Director at ECDPM (member of ETTG)
- Birgitte Nygaard Markussen, Managing Director Africa at the European External Action Service
- Claus Sørensen, former Director-General at DG ECHO
- Celine Fabrequette, Head Project Manager at ADYFE
- Mirjam Blaak, Ambassador of Uganda to the EU and Benelux

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-13:00 Parallel workshops: The European contribution to addressing global challenges
(3-4 groups of 20-30 participants)
Themes:
1. Globalisation and inequality: Harnessing trade and technology for development
2. The sustainability revolution: How can the EU sustain the momentum for ‘transforming our world’?
3. Fragility, peace and development in sub-Saharan Africa: The missing nexus
4. Normative power and fortress Europe: Reconciling EU values and migration policy

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Closing panel: Recommendations for the next Commission and Parliament
- Moderator: Giulia Maci, ETTG Coordinator
- Discussing workshop outputs with ETTG directors
- Closing words by Simon Maxwell, ETTG Chairperson

The members of the European Think Tanks Group (ETTG)